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- ☐ 1. Cottbus airfield was occupied by 150 to 200 MIG's on 16 July. Four MIG-15's were observed at Drewitz airfield. ¹
2. Welzow airfield was newly occupied by MIG-15's on 17 July. ²
3. Six transports with cargo gliders were transferred from Brandis airfield on 14 July. ³

25X1A Comments:

1. The above information confirms that an exercise involving aircraft of the fighter regiments from Puetnitz, Grossenhain, Zerbst and Laerz airfields was held in the Cottbus area. Cottbus airfield was presumably occupied by about 80 MIG-15's of the VPL in addition to about the same number of aircraft from the Soviet regiments.
2. It appears that the evacuated bomber airfields have been temporarily occupied by small details of MIG-15's. Such details have been reported from Werneuchen, Welzow and Drewitz airfields. The MIG-15's observed at Drewitz airfield probably belong to a VPL unit.

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3. It is believed that the air transport exercise in Thuringia and Saxony, which was started on 19 June and was centered mainly on Brandis and Erfurt-Bindersleben airfields, has now been terminated.

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